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BOILER MAKERS ENDORSE CANTEEN AT S. P. DEPOT

A.W.V.S. To Open Canteen For Members of the Armed Forces Stopping Over in Oakland

The opening of a new canteen at the 16th street station (Southern Pacific) by the American Women's Voluntary Services soon, was announced by Mrs. Jay Fredkin. The canteen will be in charge of Mrs. Maude Brooke who is chairman.

The canteen will serve all men in the armed forces coming through and stopping at the 16th street depot, which is to our knowledge the only railroad depot that has not this type of service. They will serve free coffee, chocolate, doughnuts, sandwiches, and there will be a place where they can obtain information, write letters, play cards and rest during their wait at the center.

The A.W.V.S. is a voluntary organization, there are no paid workers. The cost of the operating of the canteen is taken care of by contributions of people that voluntarily contribute regularly towards the upkeep of the work of the organization.

Boilermakers' Local No. 39 highly approves and commends the fine work that the A.W.V.S. is doing, and any one wishing to contribute toward this worthy cause may get in touch with the A.W.V.S. or mail your donation to A.W.V.S., 514 18th street, Oakland 12, California.

Retail Clerks of State Oppose Bracket System

California state council of Retail Clerks No. 2 have adopted the following resolution objecting to the application of the bracket system on wage rates as inaugurated by the national war labor board:

Whereas, the so-called bracket system inaugurated by the national war labor board and the various regional war labor boards has, in many instances, made it impossible for a union to extend its long established wage scales to the employes in previously unorganized establishments, even when the employer agrees to the application of such long established standards, and

Whereas, the entire bracket system with its minimums and maximums lend itself to arbitrary and whimsical misinterpretation and is in no sense a proper basis for wage stabilization, and

Whereas, the experience of many of the unions has shown the so-called bracket system to be destructive of the entire process of collective bargaining and labor organization for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the California State Council of Retail Clerks that the so-called bracket system of the tenth regional war labor board be condemned as anti-labor and not calculated to achieve true wage stabilization due to the impossibility of applying and administering such a system fairly and justly.

CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL OF RETAIL CLERKS,
By A. B. Crossler, Secretary.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS PURCHASE BUILDING

Carpenters' Local Union No. 1622 of Hayward have recently purchased a building on the corner of B and Soto streets, Hayward, which will be used as a labor temple for the southern part of the county.

Charles A. Roe, business manager of the carpenters, states that negotiations are under way with several of the unions that have headquarters in the southern end of the county. It is the intention of the carpenters to attempt to bring all A. F. of L. unions in the Hayward district under one roof in order to give the union members of that district better service.

Union meeting halls or office space will be available to any union desiring same by contacting Charles A. Roe, business manager, phone Hayward 3962.

Women Are Lauded For War Production

Credit for American aircraft production attaining a record of 9,000 planes a month was given women by Charles E. Wilson, executive vice president of the war production board.

Theodore E. Quinn, director general of the war production drive, went farther and said he had no doubt "the United States would have to withdraw from the war if women stopped working now.

Church Steeples Decried

The religious news service says in a London dispach, there will be no towering steeples on Scotland's new post-war churches if the Rev. William MacDonald of the, old parish church of Oban, seaport town in Argyllshire, has his way. "Steeples have been the curse of churches for generations," the clergyman told a meeting of his local presbytery. "Large sums have been spent to keep them in proper repair and they serve no useful purpose."

AFL REFUSES TO SHARE REPRESENTATION AT COMING ILO CONFERENCE WITH CIO

Federation Will Not Participate Under Such Plan, Green Tells Roosevelt

President William Green notified President Roosevelt that the American Federation of Labor will not agree to share representation at the forthcoming ILO conference at Philadelphia with the CIO.

Mr. Green informed the president that a poll of the members of the AFL executive council showed they stood unanimously against any change in the traditional policy of our government to appoint as the American workers' delegate to the ILO conference a representative nominated by the AFL.

For the past seven years Robert J. Watt, international representative of the AFL, has served as the American workers' delegate and is a member of the ILO governing body.

The issue of representation at the ILO meeting came into the open when Mr. Green made public a letter he sent to the white house. In this letter, Mr. Green disclosed that the president and Secretary of Labor Perkins had requested the AFL to share representation with the CIO on the basis of one-half vote for the AFL delegate and one-half vote for a CIO delegate.

Demanding a showdown on this issue, Mr. Green served notice on the president that the AFL will refuse to participate in the ILO conference if a change in the method of representation "is forced or insisted upon." The letter said:

"In reporting to you upon the answer made by each member of the executive council, be assured I know it is the inclination and desire of each and all of them to respond favorably to any requests you make. Because of this fact, I am confident that all of them were moved by a feeling of deep regret when they, as administrators of the American Federation of Labor, unanimously advised me they could not agree that representatives of the American Federation of Labor participate at the meeting of the international labor organization on the basis of equal representation to the American Federation of Labor and the congress of industrial organizations.

"The basis of representation at periodical conferences of the international labor organization provides that two representatives from the government with one vote each; one representative from the most representative labor organization with one vote, and one delegate from employers with one vote, shall represent each nation affiliated with the international labor organization at conferences held by said international labor organization. To divide the one vote between two labor organizations, such as the American Federation of Labor and the congress of industrial organizations, might mean conflict and disagreement. The one group might cast one-half a vote in favor of and the other group one-half a vote in opposition to some vital proposal submitted for determination. Such an outcome would cause disunity and discord. The American Federation of Labor has participated in each and every conference of the international labor organization which has been held since its formation in 1919. At no time during all these years has it been called upon to share labor representation in an international labor organization conference.

"The American Federation of Labor is still the most representative labor organization in the United States. The American Federation of Labor, as one of the creators of the international labor organization, has been inspired by a consciousness of responsibility for its development and success. The idea of labor being accorded the right to be represented at peace negotiations following the conclusion of world war No. 1 originated in the mind of Samuel Gompers who served so long and efficiently as president of the American Federation of Labor. He prepared and introduced at the convention of the American Federation of Labor held in November 1914, a resolution proposing a representative international labor conference at the same time and at the same place where the peace conference would be held. This resolution, circulated among the national labor centers, was the origin, the thought and purpose that resulted in the formation of the international labor commission. The late Samuel Gompers, representing labor in the United States, was designated as chairman of the commission which prepared the draft plan later embodied in section 16 of the Versailles treaty.

"Surely in the light of all this historic service rendered by the American Federation of Labor, it could not be expected to share representation in an international labor organization conference with some other labor organization. If the one vote which labor is accorded at international labor organization conferences is to be divided with some other one labor organization, why as a matter of justice should it not be divided with other independent labor organizations? If the congress of industrial organizations is to be accorded the right to share representation with the American Federation of Labor at the international labor organization conference on the basis of one-half vote for the American Federation of Labor and one-half vote for the congress of industrial organizations, why should not the one vote accorded labor be proportionately divided among other groups such as the railroad brotherhoods, the united mine workers and other independent unions?

Obviously such procedure would create chaos. Any attempt, Mr. President, to accord the congress of industrial organizations equal representation with the American Federation of Labor at the international labor organization conference would create resentment among other labor organizations which feel they are entitled to representation also, if a change of labor representation at international labor organization conferences is to be made.

"Mr. President, the American Federation of Labor cannot agree to share responsibility with any other labor organization at meetings of the international labor organization. We cannot participate in meetings of the international labor organization if such a change of representation is forced or insisted upon. We cannot, under any circumstances, change our attitude in this respect. The American Federation of Labor vigorously contends that the traditional policy which originated at the Versailles conference and which has been followed without change ever since, shall continue. It maintains that it has earned the right to representation in international labor organization conferences. I hope and trust that you will accept this point of view."

Labor Auxiliary Post To Meet On Friday, March 24th

Regular meeting of Union Labor Auxiliary No. 1917, V. F. W., will be held Friday evening, March 24, 1944, at Veterans Memorial building, Oakland.

Nomination and election of officers. Mary Giles will be in charge of refreshments. "All members are requested to attend," said Stella Pruss, president.

Regular meeting of Union Labor Auxiliary sewing circle will be held at the home of Mrs. Mary Robinson, 2042 east 22nd street, Oakland, March 28, 1944.

Luncheon at 12 noon; meeting at 1:30 p. m. All members are requested to attend.

TWO BUILDING TRADES BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES ON SICK AND ACCIDENT LIST

Danny Leonard, business representative of Bricklayers' Union No. 8, is recovering at Fort Miley hospital where he was taken last week after suffering a partial paralysis of both legs. Latest reports are that his condition shows improvement.

Glen McIntire, business representative of Carpet and Linoleum Layers' Union, Local No. 1290, also is recovering from injuries he received in a fall which fractured his ribs and broke his right arm. He is able to be up and is back on the job with his arm in a cast.

Million Fewer Injuries In War Industries Urged

A million fewer injuries in 1944 —that is the goal set by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins at a meeting of the labor department's national committee for the conservation of manpower in war industries. Achievement of the goal would mean a 40 per cent reduction of injuries from the 1943 total of nearly 2,500,000 injuries.

GOVERNMENT ASKS UNION ASSISTANCE IN PUSHING PAPER SALVAGE CAMPAIGN

Joseph D. Keenan, vice chairman of the war production board, appealed to members of the American Federation of Labor to assist the government in the waste paper salvage drive. His statement follows:

"One of the most acute problems facing the government today is the manufacturing of sufficient quantities of paper and paperboard to meet the demands of the military and critical civilian requirements.

"The increasing use of paper in the manufacture and delivery of war weapons and supplies, coupled with an extreme shortage of manpower to cut timber for the production of wood pulp, an essential ingredient in the manufacture of paper, has created this critical shortage. The use of additional waste paper is the only means we have to offset this condition. Thousands of extra tons of waste paper therefore are needed immediately to replenish the last dwindling inventories at the paper mills which are now dangerously low. In many cases, mills are operating on a day to day basis, and some have been forced to shut down two or three days a week and therefore operate far from capacity.

"Millions of paperboard containers are being sent overseas to our fighting forces. Waste paper is one of the chief raw materials from which these containers and shipping materials are made. A large proportion of the things sent to our armed forces — machines, equipment, guns, ammunition, food and medical supplies, blood plasma and clothing—has to be individually wrapped in paper that has been water proofed or in other ways specially treated. Much of this paper has to be impregnated with asphalt and other waterproofing material, so that everything shipped will arrive in perfect condition at the battle areas. There are 700,000 items for the armed forces that require paper packaging. In addition there are thousands of ways paper is being made into actual weapons of war. Some of these items are: bomb bands, airplane wing tips, small supply parachutes, parachute flares, fuel tank linings, practice bombs, practice targets, ammunition chests, blasting powder kegs, camouflage paper, dust covers for motors, and many other items.

"That there is great need for an increasingly accelerated flow of waste paper is most certain. It must be collected from every conceivable source—households, retail stores, business offices and industrial plants. Practically all kinds of waste paper can be used. Exceptions are waxed and other impregnated paper, and paper contaminated by use. Every American man, woman and child can cooperate in the campaign—at home—in the office—in the store and in the industrial plant.

"Labor unions and their members are urged to participate in the waste paper salvage drive to their fullest extent to assist in aiding the critical shortage that is facing the country today in order that there will be available sufficient containers for the shipping of war material and foods to our armed forces overseas.

"Labor unions are urged to appoint committees to actively participate in this campaign through the regular organized salvage committees in their locality so that every scrap of waste paper may be turned into use in helping to defeat the axis."

Office Workers Get Increase For Employes At McKesson & Robbins

Contract Has Retroactive Pay Clause

Members of Office Workers' Union, Local 20744, A. F. of L., employed by the McKesson & Robbins company, as a result of bargaining of their local union, received a 7 per cent increase recently, to be retroactive from January 1, 1944, according to Carl Nelson, business representative.

TRAFFIC TOLL THIS YEAR HELD "SHAMEFUL" WASTE OF LIFE

First returns of the nation's 1944 traffic casualties, reported by the national safety council, serve notice on America to jam on the brakes or face the biggest traffic toll since Pearl harbor.

January brought a 30 per cent increase in traffic deaths over the same month last year for a toll of 2,330 lives. At this rate, the council said, the 1944 toll would come close to 30,000. The 1943 toll was 23,300. January was the fourth consecutive month to bring a greater traffic death toll than the same month of the preceding year.

"It is evident, therefore," said Col. John Stilwell, president of the council, "that the nation, giddy with victory vertigo, is squandering the bonus saving in human life that should result from wartime travel restrictions.

"It is tragically ironic that at the very time America is taking renewed steps to utilize every ounce of manpower for victory, we are complacently wasting human life at a rate that should shame every patriotic American."

Huge as it is, the January traffic toll still is well below the total for either January, 1942, or January, 1941. It is 18 per cent below the 1941 figure and 27 per cent under the 1942 total.

ITALIAN LABOR UNIONS RESTORED BY ALLIES

Trade unions in Sicily and the part of Italy occupied by the allies are rapidly being reorganized along democratic lines after twenty years of fascism, Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy disclosed.

One of the first steps taken by the allied military government, he said, was to abolish the whole fascist labor setup and clear the way for the reestablishment of democratic unions.

"An atmosphere favorable to the development of collective bargaining had to be created but at the same time the army had to avoid any affirmative policy of actually dominating or controlling the new unions to speed their development," he declared.

"Accordingly, the policy has been to permit the unions to develop their own leadership and set their own policies, not to have unions with leadership handpicked by AMG. Under our encouragement, collective bargaining, involving elections in which the workers selected their own representatives, were held in Sicily and Italy for the first time in more than twenty years. Labor disputes were settled by agreement between the parties with the officials of the labor offices acting as mediators."

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION TO MEET ON SUNDAY

The March meeting of Oakland Typographical Union No. 36, will be held on Sunday, March 26th, in Cooks' Union hall, 1608 Webster street, Oakland, at 10:00 a. m.

D. F. Hurd, president, announces the sick committee for the month of April as follows: John Fraser, chairman; William Russo, A. Santos, W. S. Seward, J. M. Simonds and B. A. Slattery.

In addition to the above, Hurd informs his membership that a referendum election will be held on April 5th, to consider a proposition whereby power vested in the international officers relative to calling of conventions shall be returned to the members.

Friends of ours have evolved a way to stop street accidents—abolish all pedestrians and vehicles.

BASEBALL TEAM TO BE ENTERTAINED AT HOTEL LEAMINGTON

Tonight, at 6:30, Testimonial Dinner For Players and Invited Guests Will Be Held

Victory will be the keynote at a testimonial dinner given the players of the AFL champions of the Eagles' Junior Winter League for 1943-1944, at the Hotel Leamington, on Friday, (tonight) at 6:30, when members of the AFL Unions, players, and invited guests will celebrate the occasion.

According to the chairmen of the day, the dinner will start promptly at 6:30 and the list of invited guests include the following:

George Carlisle, president, East Oakland Eagles, No. 1375; sponsors of league, Judge Ogden, Steve Graham, Art Macy, Charlie Tye, James H. Quinn, Dr. Slavich, mayor of the city of Oakland; Charles Schwanenberg, city manager of the city of Oakland; Jack Hassler, Charles Real, Jack Gleason, Robert Tracy, Clarence Laws and Bob Ash.

Tickets may be purchased at the hotel from any of the committee members at $2.50 per plate.

PRINTERS TO VOTE ON AFL REAFFILIATION

Acting on a petition endorsed by 129 local unions, the executive council of the International Typographical Union has ordered a referendum vote of the entire membership on reaffiliation with the AFL.

The matter will appear on the ballot at the regular election on May 17th, together with the action of the AFL 1943 convention which guaranteed complete autonomy to the ITU.

A similar proposal was defeated some months ago by a margin of 1225 votes by a membership which had not been informed on the action of the Boston convention of the AFL.

AIRPLANE PRODUCTION SETS NEW HIGH MARK

American aircraft workers have done it again. During February they produced planes at an all-time record rate of 350 a day, for a total of 8,760, Chairman Charles E. Wilson on the aircraft production board reported.

Wilson said that in terms of weight the total output was 4 per cent ahead of January, the previous high mark. Recalling that February was a "short" month, he implied that if it had been of normal length, the total number of planes would have passed the 8,000 mark.

LABOR SUFFERS IRREPARABLE LOSS IN POP GRUBER'S DEATH

Right in the midst of deliberations of the executive board of the federation on Sunday, March 12th, came the terribly sad news of Pop Gruber's death. Known as "Pop" to his thousands of friends in the labor movement which he had served so loyally for over thirty years, Arthur M. Gruber, secretary of the San Pedro Labor Council, died as a result of a stroke undoubtedly brought on by his strenuous work over the years.

A resolution mourning this irreparable loss to the labor movement was adopted by the executive council, and immediately upon its adoption, the members stood in silence for the appropriate time. Copies of the resolution were immediately dispatched to the San Pedro Labor Council and to members of the bereaved family.

As one of the pioneers of the labor movement in California, Pop Gruber was associated with some of the outstanding achievements attained by labor as well as having suffered through some of its leanest periods. He will leave behind him a memory that must be perpetuated in the ranks of labor, a memory that symbolizes loyalty, sacrifice and unending devotion to the cause of the working man and woman.

Can't Go Back, Says AFL

Discussing the need for full employment, full production and high living standards after the war, the American Federation of Labor economic survey warns: "We cannot go back to pre-war wages, or to a struggle instigated by anti-labor interests attempting to destroy the unions and reduce wages. For going back to this means at least 19,000,000 unemployed. And no democracy, no government, no business, no civilization can endure such a thing and live."

PERJURY BEING COMMITTED BY CIRCULATORS OF ANTI-VICTORY PETITION

Promising everything from victory to the returning boys from the fighting fronts, to jobs, security and a life of milk and honey to everything else if they will only sign the petition, misnamed the "right to employment," the circulators of these petitions are plainly violating the law in misrepresenting the true intent of the proposed amendment, which is to create turmoil and bitterness.

To emphasize this great danger: a union man was on the verge of signing one of these petitions when he was told that it would establish job security for all. Only the timely intervention of a friend, who suggested he read it first, prevented this piece of fraud from being consummated.

To overcome this Pied Piper "come on," the federation strongly urges all of its members and friends to make it their business to check on the false claims being made in behalf of the petition by the circulators and to report each instance of falsification to the federation. The law does not permit any circulator of petitions to solicit signatures on a false basis.

Such action will not be enough, however, to check this game of deceit. Every union must jab its membership into high gear by informing them concerning the full meaning and significance of this proposed amendment to the state constitution so that they, in turn, can spread the clarification further. Unless this is done, there is a great danger that the forces of hate and bitterness will succeed in their campaign of disruption.

Encouraging word comes from a number of employer groups and outstanding citizens throughout the state that they are absolutely opposed to this threat to our stake in the Pacific. Already, several influential metropolitan papers have editorialized against the proposed plan to create chaos. These papers have pointed out that such a petition coming at this time can only interfere with our war effort and replace the present harmonious relations between management and labor, which have taken such great effort and time to achieve, with a wild "free for all" that will rip to pieces the seams of unity on the home front.

Because the backers of these petitions are showing such a complete disregard for the truth, to the point even that their hired circulators are permitted to perjure themselves without restraint, the federation sees an outside chance for the success of this wholesale swindle unless it is combatted with greater zeal.

That is why Secretary Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor is appealing to the members of the organized labor movement and its hosts of friends to shake the dust off their heels and view this threat with the serious concern it deserves.

It is to be hoped that the responsible employers and citizens in California, who recognize in this impending fight nothing but a weakening of our fight against the main enemy, will come out and declare themselves so that the harmony now existing in the relations between labor and management will not be jeopardized by these ideological hoodlums.

AFL Sets 15 Million Dollar Goal For Contributors To The Red Cross

The American Federation of Labor has pledged to raise $15,000,000 for the present red cross campaign. Federation officials recommended a minimum four hours' pay as the individual AFL red cross contribution. At the same time, it was revealed that AFL members had contributed more than $25,000,000 to the recent national war fund drive.

These figures and the red cross pledge were made public by Matthew Woll, president of the labor league for human rights, official relief arm of the American Federation of Labor. He declared:

"There may be some among us who grow weary of appeals and extra services to the war effort. But, compared with the sacrifices borne by our sons, brothers and kinfolk who serve in the armed forces and those of our allies, we have been called upon to do little in the world-wide struggle against totalitarian aggression.

"Our fair share for the red cross this spring should be at least four hours' pay. If we all do our part, the contribution of the members of the American Federation of Labor to the red cross will reach the impressive total of some fifteen million dollars."

The record-breaking total raised by AFL unions in 850 cities for the national war fund, Mr. Woll revealed, was in part accounted for by an honor roll of 25 cities in which union members contributed ten million dollars. Heading this list of cities were New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, each with more than one million dollars to their credit. Hovering about the half-million mark were Philadelphia, Boston, Seattle, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Washington, D. C. Sixteen additional cities, including Providence, Cleveland, Memphis, Houston, Pittsburgh and others, averaged contributions of $250,000 each.

The general trend in the national war fund campaign, according to Mr. Woll, has not only been towards a rise in the AFL's standard of giving, but towards a spread in the number of labor contributors to local community chests. This is shown by comparisons of total results and of average per capita contributions during the 1942 and 1943 campaigns.

A contribution of one million dollars from labor in a single city had never before been recorded in any relief drive, Mr. Woll pointed out, and very few cities, in 1942, had reached the half-million mark. In 1943, however, New York city doubled, and Chicago quadrupled, their 1942 results. In the case of others of the twenty-five cities cited for outstanding achievement, the increase in several instances reached the spectacular rate of 150 per cent.

The national war fund's drive to raise funds from AFL members was supervised by the labor league for human rights, which will perform the same function for the red cross during the campaign.

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Of the 150,000 planes produced by American workers since the lend-lease program went into effect, 28,000 have been sent to our allies, Leo T. Crowley, foreign economic administrator, revealed.

In addition to aircraft, Crowley said, $2,500,000,000 worth of ordnance and ammunition and $70,000,000 worth of petroleum had been shipped to the allies.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

How the Women Are Helping Through Their Organizations

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters' Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160 will hold their regular business meeting Friday (tonight) March 24, 1944.

There will be several topics of interest to the members of the auxiliary which will come up for discussion. Be there and give your views on these subjects. If you do not attend and decisions are made which you do not approve of, it is not the fault of the members who are present. These are important decisions. Come and help decide them.

I am sorry to report that Esther McCormick met with a painful accident hurrying to catch a train (and missing it) she became dizzy and fell, cutting her knee and hurting her toe. At this writing she is in the hospital, as her doctor felt she should have quiet. Mrs. Ragan thought Esther might come home after she had her toe ex-rayed. We hope to hear that she is greatly improved by the night of meeting.

Mae Bristow is improving and while her ankle is still in the cast, and will be for awhile, she on the whole, feels pretty good, considering.

Sister Tessie is about the same. Still holding her own and keeping her chin up. She will always do that. Tessie, as one shut-in to the other, keep the good work up.

You know, folks, the world is a looking glass and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Sometimes we like it and then again we do not like what we see. Well, it is up to us to try and make that reflection just what we would like every one to see. Take our good things with the bad and smile through it all. It not only helps us but it helps others when they feel down.

Remember the red cross. Buy bonds and keep them.

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Thank you one and all for everything.

Sincerely,
MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent Pro Tem.

PRINTERS' AUXILIARY No. 26

Mrs. J. J. Clyde was given the obligation for membership at the March business meeting. We welcome Mrs. Clyde to our ranks and hope many more printers' wives will follow in her footsteps during the coming year.

Mrs. H. B. Lawson received the award offered by President Chilson for the member bringing in the largest number of new members for the past year. Congratulations, Mrs. Lawson, we hope the good work keeps up.

Members of No. 26 wish to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt sympathy to two of our members, Mrs. H. C. Closson and Miss Jeanette Closson wife and daughter of H. C. Closson, member of Oakland Typographical Union No. 36, who passed to the great beyond Sunday, March 12th, and was laid to rest Wednesday, March 15th.

The ladies of the auxiliary held their 34th anniversary party at the home of Mrs. L. M. Bean. Our hostess, Mrs. L. M. Bean and Mesdames Mrs. C. F. Weeks, Mrs. M. R. Feeney, Mrs. J. J. Clyde and Mrs. R. H. Harris assisted with a grand luncheon of Italian spaghetti and finished with a luscious anniversary cake. We had a nice gathering of our members and a guest, Mr. H. B. Lawson, recently returned from the union printers' home.

During our party Mrs. Harry Gray who has not had the best of health for some time, phoned and gave her best wishes for our anniversary and will try to attend the meetings this year. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and hope to see you soon, Mrs. Gray.

Corsages were presented to our two charter members of the auxiliary, Mrs. Mabel Patterson and Mrs. H. B. Lawson. Our charter started in 1910 and there were 36 members at that time. We now have just two left. Congratulations, Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Patterson, may you see many more years of activity in our auxiliary. A corsage was also presented to Mrs. F. M. Chilson, our president, to show our appreciation for her services. Congratulations, Mrs. Chilson, and success to you again this year.

President Mrs. Daisy Chilson called a short meeting and votes were cast for executive committee. Mrs. Mabel Patterson, Mrs. L. M. Bean, Mrs. George Stiffler and Mrs. Chas. F. Weeks received highest votes for the committee. Also taking the oath to hold their office for the year were president, Mrs. Daisy Chilson; vice president, Mrs. A. G. Harris; secretary, Mrs. Francis Heinrichs; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Hickox; chaplain, Mrs. M. R. Feeney; guide, Mrs. H. B. Lawson; press correspondent, Mrs. R. H. Harris. Congratulations, ladies, and lots of success. The installing officer was our past president, Mrs. H. A. Peterson.

President Mrs. Daisy Chilson asked our guest, Mr. H. B. Lawson, to speak a few words. He spoke very highly of the union printers' home, of the cooperation of the residents, the hospital itself, and its construction for the benefit of our men who have its need and of the management. He also spoke very highly of the matron, Mrs. Hamilton, whose husband is superintendent of the home. We are glad to hear that the home is such a pleasure for its residents.

We ended the afternoon with card games and lovely tea towels were given as awards. Our next business meeting will be at the home of Treasurer Mrs. George Hickox, 4115 Waterhouse road, on Thursday, April 6, 1944.

We thank our hostess, Mrs. L. M. Bean, for the use of her lovely home and of her cooperation in making our anniversary party a success.

We always buy union made products. Buy more stamps and bonds for victory.

Turn in your B. & W. coupons from union made cigarettes for war stamps now.

MRS. R. H. HARRIS,
Press Correspondent.

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

It is nearing the end of the month and time to think about the date of our next business meeting and "social" which is April 4th. This is a very important meeting, as it is nomination and election of officers. Each and every member should try to be here and vote for their choice in each office.

RED CROSS

A wonderful luncheon of baked ham, mashed potatoes, peas, salad and cupcakes was served last Wednesday at red cross. I understand that the Fire Fighters' Association, Local No. 55, was responsible for the delicious ham served and thanks are being extended to the boys through this column.

Thanks is also extended to the cooks. We missed Frances McIntyre, Mary Anderson and Estelle Rogers.

SICK AND CONVALESCENTS

Sorry to hear of your accident, Esther. It seems that Esther McCormick met with an accident the early part of this week. Esther was running for a San Francisco train and did not quite make it, so is now suffering from bruised legs and sprained ligaments in her foot.

Reports on Tessie O'Leary's health have been very favorable. We are hoping that you will be able to come to our next meeting, Tessie.

NOTES

We have two members celebrating birthdays next week and both on the same day, March 31st: Edna Paterson and Alyce Boggs. Alyce is in Emporia, Kansas, at the present time but hopes to be back in Oakland in the near future. Congratulations and very best wishes to both Edna and Alyce.

Two scotty dogs from the "Hunt" residence are being inducted into the navy in a couple of weeks as navy mascots. Some one is contemplating getting them a special service flag for the dogs. May we wish the very best of luck to the two navy cub units and to their two little mascots.

This is to remind you of the coming spring whist, April. Don't forget your contribution to the grocery basket. Do not give any rationed articles.

DOROTHY THRALL,
Recording Secretary.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY No. 97

On March 14th was the regular business meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary No. 97, I. A. of M., President Lois Girard presiding. Those absent were Conductor Gladys Harvey and Press Correspondent Marcia Helm. Evelyn Gerholt held the office for Gladys Harvey and Virginia de Beaumont for Marcia Helm.

Cora Stephenson was balloted on and found favorable by the members to be one of the social members. She is the mother of a member of 1546 and was recom-

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WANT TO REDUCE HOME LOAN PAYMENTS?
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PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS' NOTES

BY S. J. DONOHUE: The labor movement in the state of California is confronted with another gigantic effort to deprive them of the long and ably earned conditions existing at the present time. On the November ballot there will appear what is termed "proposed initiative petition" which adding section 1-A to article 1 it declares the right of employment free from interference because employe does or does not belong to or pay money to a labor organization. Declares interference with such right unlawful and provides remedy by court action. Defines labor organization. Declares section self executing, and authorizes legislation to facilitate its operation.

We who have been identified with the labor movement for any considerable length of time well remember the teamwork, not only of members of organized labor, but their many friends to defeat what was known as the referendum which provided practically the same conditions that this amendment stipulates.

It is the opinion of people who are supposed to be in the know that there is no time to lose, but to begin right now and see that every member of organized labor is registered so that on election day he can make use of his franchise.

Petitions for signatures are now being circulated. Be careful not to sign any petition you may be requested to sign by the people you meet on the street unless such petition is endorsed by a responsible organization.

LABOR'S RECORD PRAISED BY MARINE CORPS COMMANDANT

"One reason we are running well ahead of our Pacific timetable is that production of fighting ships for the navy, and all the accessories that go with them, is far ahead of schedule." This tribute to labor's part in the war effort comes from Lieutenant General Alexander A. Vandegrift, USMC, commandant of America's fighting marines.

Continuing his comments on labor's production record, General Vandegrift said: "Generally speaking we have great praise and few complaints on those scores," but added that much work remains to be done in the Pacific war theater.

Profits Before Duty

William A. Elliott, member of a government committee enforcing war food administration rules among butchers, was charged in a suit filed in federal court at Philadelphia with overcharging retailers for meat. The government seeks to recover $750,000 in damages.

More submarines were destroyed by our navy in January than in December.

TAXES — SO WHAT?

By RUTH TAYLOR

A good many people are today paying taxes for the first time — and often those taxes spell the difference between comfort and just living. All the little luxuries that make life so pleasant have had to go by the board.

But when I hear complaints about taxes, I think of what I heard a Norwegian trade unionist say at the Seattle convention:

"We, who would not, or could not create security against fear and famine among the underprivileged, have seen rich and poor alike reduced to destitution far worse than that of our most wretched slums of yesterday.

"We, who squabbled in our own household over ancient prejudices of race or religion and over petty difference of politics or trade, have learned that sectional boundaries cannot isolate a people to the furious force of nazi assault and persecution.

"We, who saw the class struggle blind capitalist and labor to the fury of the gathering storm know now that both lost in their folly more than either had ever hoped to gain."

This we too have learned in the past two years. We have come to realize that paying taxes for this war is our one hope of not paying tribute.

We, who shut our eyes to the sore spots of the world found those plague centers too close for comfort to our own homes. We, who said it was none of our business have learned that cruelty, persecution and hatred are like a forest fire, spreading past its own boundaries and seeking what it may devour.

We, who generalized in our conversation, setting group against group, do not realize that this was how the whole thing started. The despots of today were those who felt themselves the "have nots" of yesterday. A frank discussion of common objectives, a voluntary cooperation now is far better than arbitrary regimentation later on.

I like to think what one labor leader, who is an American by choice, told me. He said, "I am a poor man today — but I am a very rich man. I paid my taxes but oh, so thankfully. Unless you have lived where I have lived, you do not know how rich a thing it is to be an American and able to help America with what she has given you."

Taxes — so what?

"Little People" Are Not War Bond Slackers

Charges that "little people" are not loyally responding to the government's loan bond drives were disproved by a treasury report showing that the $14,000,000,000 goal of the recent campaign was exceeded by $2,730,000,000.

More than $3,000,000,000 of "E" bonds were purchased by individuals — more than their quota — the report said.

FROM THE L-M. EXPOSITION...

Accustomed to abuse from press and radio, the nation's war workers found themselves the center of an unexpected shower of praise from speakers at the big labor-management exposition in the nation's capital.

Perhaps the most significant commendation came from Brigadier General Hugh Minton, director of production for the war department. Minton attributed the ability of the united nations to take the offensive to the output of American workers.

"Our armed forces are grateful to those in government, management and labor, who have contributed so much to supply our army and other armies of the united nations with superb fighting equipment," he said.

Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board lauded particularly the valuable suggestions that have come from workers to improve and speed up output of war materials. Their contributions "are above and beyond the call of duty," he said.

"Tens of thousands of their ideas that have been studied, accepted and put into practice, have saved untold millions of man-hours, conserved vital materials and sped the weapons of war ever faster to our fighting men," Nelson added.

Even some newspapers chose the occasion to concede that the workers have done wonders. For example, the Washington "Post" declared the exposition showed a "production miracle" had been performed, and admitted that strikes have been overplayed in the press while the solid achievements of labor were overlooked.

"Sometimes the steady story of teamwork between labor and management seems obscured by the sensational news of occasional disputes and walkouts," the paper said.

STALLING BOSS IS HIT ON POCKET NERVE

A boss who drags on a wage case can't be allowed to profit from the delay, the national war labor board held when it ordered a 5-cent-an-hour wage increase to 1,750 employes of Jenkins Bros., Inc., Bridgeport, Conn., retroactive to November 17, 1942, when the case was first certified to the board.

The company not only opposed the pay raise, but contended that, if granted, it shouldn't date back earlier than September, 1943. The public and labor majority on the board stuck to the original date, declaring the long delay was due to the company's stream of appeals and requests for reconsideration.

Rails Face Charges

The war department complained to the interstate commerce commission that it is being overcharged by the carriers on material from which cartridge cases and bullet jackets are formed and asked that reasonable rates be established.

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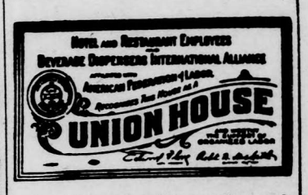
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19TH AND TELEGRAPH

Frey Assails National Service Bill; Hails Labor's Wartime Achievements

John P. Frey, president of the AFL metal trades department, appealed to congress in a nation-wide radio address, to defeat the national service bill which, he said, would only "militarize labor and convert the American arsenal of democracy into a citadel of bureaucracy."

Mr. Frey cited a long list of production achievements by free labor in this war, among which were:

"In 1943 the number of workmen employed in the production of liberty ships increased 52 per cent over 1942, but the number of these ships launched in 1943 increased 140 per cent.

"Last year American shipyards produced over 19,000,000 dead weight tons of merchant shipping, two and one-half times the tonnage built in 1942.

"The first liberty ships took an average of over 1,000,000 man hours to build. Recently three yards, each of which have delivered over 200 liberty ships, have brought their average down to less than 400,000 man hours, a tribute to the cooperation of management and labor.

"In 1941, 19,290 aircraft were delivered; in 1942, 47,873; and in 1943 85,946. This data however tells only a part of the story for since 1941 and 1942 the average size of the aircraft built has almost doubled.

"In 1941 the average weight of an airframe was 4,400 pounds. In 1942 is was 6,110 pounds, and in 1943 it was 8,6630 pounds. Our production of airframes by weight has increased 900 per cent since 1941.

"The goal set for aircraft production for 1943 was 100,000 planes, and we produced but 86,000. It has been implied that we failed to meet our goal. Actually however, in terms of the lighter weight 1942 plane, the production in 1943 was equivalent to 122,000 airplanes."

Profiteering Hikes Nation's Drink Bill

It cost Americans more than $6,000,000,000 to "wet their whistle" last year, or 17 per cent more than in 1942, and 80 per cent above 1939. The larger bill was not because they drank more, but because they were forced to pay higher prices for "booze."

The department of commerce, in reporting these figures, estimated that the per capita expenditure for hard liquor was $46, or nearly seven per cent of every dollar spent for goods and services of all kinds. Consumption of whisky was 74,000,000 gallons, or 14,000,000 gallons less than in 1942.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

HIGHLIGHTS OF FEDERATION'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 11-12 IN SAN FRANCISCO

Striking back furiously at the latest obnoxious effort to split wide open the unity behind our fighting front that is being pushed by notorious open-shoppers, meeting over the week-end in San Francisco the executive council adopted a resolution submitted by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, outlining immediate steps to be taken by the unions and friends of labor to counteract this vicious and unpardonable anti-democratic attack. This resolution and a number of others which were acted upon by the council will be printed in full in the next quarterly bulletin, which will be mailed out to the unions in the immediate future.

Another resolution submitted by the secretary and likewise adopted dealt with the legislation now pending in congress in regard to the men in the armed forces. Detailing the contents of the present omnibus bill, also known as the G. I. bill, that is being supported by all veterans' organizations, as well as several other bills concerned with furnishing opportunity for veterans to be trained or to have previous training continued, the resolution endorsed all such measures generally and provided for coordinating labor's support of the very best possible legislation for the veterans along with the A. F. of L. and all other labor bodies.

Tackling the whole question of interstate cooperation, the secretary offered in resolution form an analysis of the splendid work which Senators Hayden of Arizona and McCarran of Nevada are doing in investigating the centralization of prime industries in the United States. The need of protecting industry in the west and a program to help effectuate such a plan were outlined in the proposal. Endorsing the important work of the joint senate and house committee for this purpose, the executive council concurred in the suggestion that all unions be called upon to cooperate with the various committees established in their communities dealing with this basic problem and to support the action which the committee on interstate cooperation will undertake in the future.

The council adopted a resolution opposing any change in the present reclamation act, which is aimed to supply cheap power to the small farmer and is strictly opposed to land and power monopoly, and land speculation.

The secretary was instructed to continue his efforts to try and find some city in the state which could accommodate a convention of the federation. This matter was discussed at great length and the secretary reported in detail what had been done to obtain a possible convention meeting place for the federation.

Plans to concentrate on checking on the employment stabilization commission's present practice of unfairly applying unemployment benefits by ignoring the law and showing definite bias against the claimants was given considerable consideration by the council and measures attempting to correct this have been decided upon.

Several delegations addressed the council on a number of important questions which will be reported in detail in the next issue of the Journal. For two solid days the council met and disposed of a number of important questions of vital interest to labor.

The regular quarterly report carrying a detailed account of what the executive council accomplished will be mailed to the affiliated unions within the next few weeks. The unions are asked to refer to this report for all information pertaining to this meeting.

STEAM FITTERS' NOTES

BY FRENCH: Members of Local Union 342 are interested in doing everything possible to protect their living standards. They are interested in maintaining their wage rates as high as necessary to do this. A number are wondering what their actions should be to insure as far as possible a steady income. Here are my views on what will help answer this question:

Available now, under the defense training program, are classes where training may be had by any member of Local Union No. 342.

On Wednesday nights, at the Central Trades school at E. 11th street and Third avenue, from 6:30 to 10:30, there is a refrigeration class taught by one of your own members, Charles Harden.

On Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 10:30, at the same location, a class in steam fitting is conducted, taught also by one of your brother members, Harry Hill.

I am informed that a class in welding can be arranged for Friday nights at the same place, providing enough members are ready to sign up for this class. If you are interested in this class, leave your name at the steam fitters' office and, when sufficient names have been turned in, a class will be arranged.

If you are inclined to say to yourself: "Why should I learn to weld?" you will find that even if you never use it at all, the knowledge that you can weld will give you a confidence and will improve your knowledge of the other fellow's problems, thereby making life easier for you. The same goes for welders who might say: "I don't want to learn the fitting end of the pipe trades."

Also, if you are interested in attending the refrigeration class or the steam fitting class, leave your name, or better still, go right on over on the proper night and register.

You may wonder why I am so interested in promoting these classes: I am convinced that the security that you are looking for after the war is to be attained by being just as interchangeable in all branches of your trade as it is possible to be. If you will do this, you will not have to fear the numbers who are now in the shipyards unless they do likewise. And if they do likewise, they will have the same objectives as you and you still will not have to worry about them, for they will then be allies instead of being against you.

Providing enough interest is shown, the welding class can be supplemented by a class in pipe layout and in pipe line construction practice. California now has, so I am told, about 29,000 miles of pipe lines. This is about one-fourth of the requirements. Pipe lines can be used to transport many more commodities than they are used for at present.

There are many new types of plastic pipe that are now in use and many more still to come.

General industrial piping installation needs to be taught more.

New and wonderful types of working drawings are now being developed. Oil and gas burners are being improved.

All of these are things you can now learn about and, if you are interested in protecting your living standard, now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity.

Remember, the more you learn now, the more interchangeable in your trade you become, the more secure in your employment you become, the stronger your union organization becomes, because of your knowledge, and the happier your life can become because of these advantages.

FULL EMPLOYMENT HELD KEY TO WORLD PEACE

Full employment and full production are twin keys to world peace in the post-war period.

A program of international economic collaboration aimed at using the keys was laid before the senate in a joint resolution introduced by Senators Elbert D. Thomas (D., Ut.), Harley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.), and Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.).

The resolution would set up a foreign economic commission to serve as a clearing house for the many diverse thoughts and opinions on economic policies. On it would be representatives of government, business, labor, agriculture and the public, all working through a single medium and building in an atmosphere of hope to open up new horizons for the economic progress of our own and other nations.

In a joint statement, the three senators said "the future peace depends upon an economically healthy U. S., and we cannot have economic health without a volume of foreign trade above and beyond anything we have ever had before.

The senators warned that "the future peace depends on the abandonment of political nationalism and economic imperialism and autarchy (self-sufficiency); they called for extension of the good neighbor policy and said that by doing so quickly "we can forestall the growth of areas of economic disaffection which eventually enlarge into world wars."

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

BY HUGHIE RUTLEDGE: The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Chas. Tripplett, W. G. Hawkins, Chas. Fatthauer, R. J. McRice, J. A. Mendes, Bert Hill, William Simpson.

The first actual negotiations for a new agreement took place Wednesday of this week when the 12 members of the sub-committee met in San Francisco in the chambers of the board of supervisors. A considerable amount of the proposed labor agreement was gone through and tentatively approved. However, the matter of wages and the spray sections were put over for the next meeting which will be held on next Tuesday at the same place. The proposal of the unions calls for both parties, employers and employes, to make a joint application to the national labor relations board for an adjustment of wages from $1.50 per hour to $1.75 per hour basic. One association representative stated that he was not empowered to negotiate for any adjustment of wages. However, when the matter is again brought up, there may be a change of mind. It is hoped that a final draft may be ready after the next meeting to present to the main committee.

Men are needed on the new San Leandro hospital at the present time and as this job carries the highest manpower priority of any project, we request that all brothers come in and get a referral for this job immediately upon becoming unemployed. The contractor is D. Zelinskey and the boys are working six days a week and nine hours a day. The location is on top of the Skyline just up from the Oakland or Oak Knoll naval hospital. You must have a car to get there as transportation is not available at present.

A survey by the building trades council shows appropriations of over 60 millions of dollars for new construction in this district for the coming year. This covers a great many projects too numerous to mention but means plenty of work for all members of building trades unions. Trailer space in the east Oakland trailer parks and units of housing when completed will be available for construction workers.

. No reports from our official fisherman during the past week as Brothers Miller and Parman have been doing a little work on the boat. However, the stripers can be expected at any time, so it is worth a try trolling around red rock. If any of the brothers know where trolling chums and red heads can be secured, the brothers would be glad to get them.

Wonder how many missed the good time held on Thursday? .

Don't forget to register and then be sure to vote.

PAINTERS BACK RALEIGHS DRIVE

Painters' Local No. 360, of Vancouver, Washington, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, is enthusiastically supporting the national drive to send union label Raleigh cigarettes to members of the U. S. armed forces overseas. It recently ordered more than 100,000 Raleighs shipped abroad and is planning another substantial shipment in the near future.

GLOBE SHIPYARDS LEAD AFL RED CROSS DRIVE

First honors for speed and accomplishment in the AFL campaign in support of the red cross goes to the workers in the Globe shipyards, Superior, Wis.

Three days after the opening of the red cross drive, the Globe shipyards quota had been reached and surpassed. Over 1,800 contributors, belonging to the shipbuilders and other AFL unions, have contributed $7,635.08, and it is expected that the total donation will amount to well over $8,000 before the close of the campaign.

You needn't worry about how well synthetic rubber tires wear, because with millions invested by uncle in plants nobody is bragging about production.

Hospitals For "Vets"

The peak load in veterans' relief will come in 1945, when 300,000 hospital beds will be needed to care for incapacitated ex-service men, General Frank T. Hines, veterans' administration, told the house appropriations committee.

Swedish Labor History Movie

Documentary films from Stockholm, showing how Swedish democracy works, are being prepared for showing in the United States. The first film will deal with the history of Sweden's labor movement.

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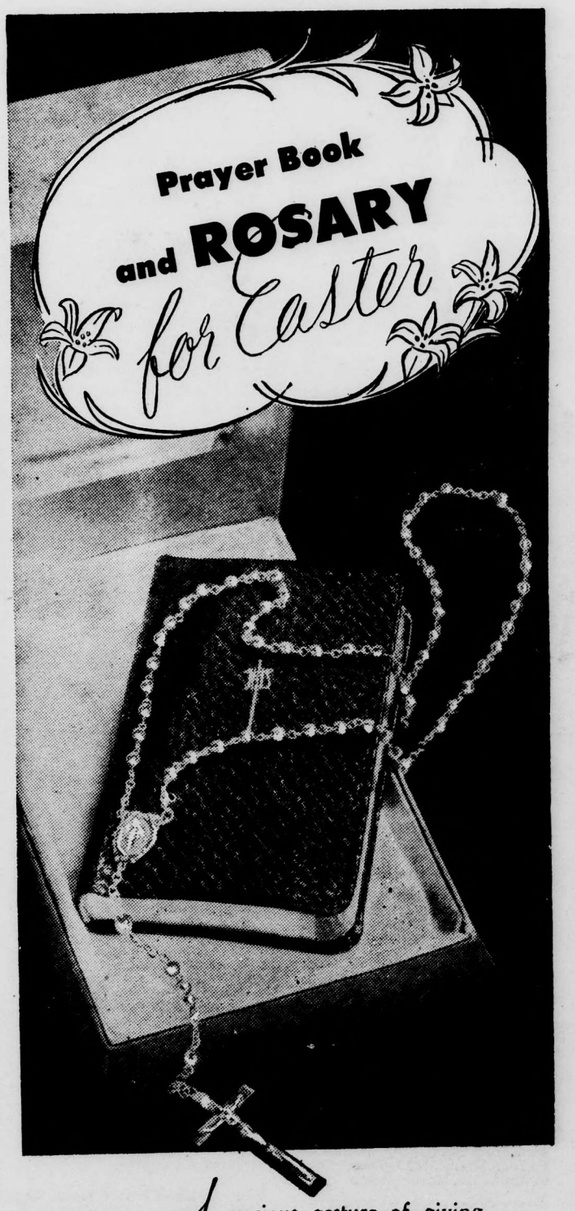
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NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT?

Dairy industry's radio commentator assures public that the spoilage of 20,000,000 pounds of butter is nothing to worry about. It would, he said, amount to only a small percentage of a pound per person divided among the 130,000,000 citizens of our country.

Of course, the fact that this huge amount of much-needed butter was permitted to spoil is bad enough, and the fact that the experts of the war food administration were dumb enough to hang onto it until it became unusable was worse. Any way you look at it, the public had been deprived of a great deal of butter.

Labor strikes; labor gets sick; labor gets mad; and labor gets heck. Gets it from everybody from big metropolitan newspapers to the lowest radio commentator. Labor is impeding our war effort; labor must be disciplined; we must have a law.

But here we have 20 million pounds of butter needed by our citizens and by our armed forces, produced at great cost and stored at great cost, and administered at great cost. It is allowed to spoil, to lay idle and kill itself, while you ordinary citizens are being exhorted to save your fats in tin cans and turn it in to provide materials for our boys abroad.

It just doesn't make sense; it is even more than dumbness; it is playing right into the hands of Hitler. And it is being done by experts who are hired to avoid just that sort of thing.

ARBITRARY FBI METHODS

Six months ago agents of the federal bureau of investigation demanded the books of Bricklayers' Union No. 1, a local in Washington, D. C. And they still have the books.

The secretary of the union, of course, turned over to the agents all his books, even though he was refused any information as to why this government agency wanted them. He was not told who had made charges or what charges had been made. In fact, he was told nothing.

Any official of any local union can imagine what this secretary has been up against since his records were seized. He has found it necessary to set up new books to take care of current business. And when and if he ever gets his books back from the FBI all his interim business must be transcribed into the old books.

Bear in mind that no charges have been made public; no warrant or subpoena has been issued, but this local union is under a cloud and subjected to embarrassment and inconvenience. Even the lowliest criminal is entitled to know with what he is charged and by whom.

This could happen to any local union, any international union, any business firm, or for that matter, any individual.

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MORE ABOUT LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

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mended by President Girard and Eva Hare. She will be initiated at the next social meeting of March 28th.

Letters of thanks were received from Elizabeth Gennoy and Edna Skipworth.

Sister Olive Harvey was given a rising vote of thanks for the beautiful honor roll she made and donated to the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 97 of the relatives of the members of No. 97 who are serving in the armed forces.

Committee reports were given by Mary Logue, chairlady of the ways and means committee. Florence Shaffer reported on the St. Vincent De Paul's Servicemen's Center and anyone that wishes to contribute their services there can call her—TRinidad 2324. Members of No. 97 serve there on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Wilma Binger, chairlady of the service sewing, gave her report. Naomi Vercelli gave her final report for the social committee of February.

Sisters Eva Gallaher and Charlotte Brown were added to the ways and means committee.

A new social committee was appointed consisting of Anna Hoover, chairlady; Charlotte Brown, Rose Rogers, Tillie Bartmess and Ora Granter.

Sister Ora Granter donated her fourth afghan for the boys in service, and was given a rising vote of thanks.

Virginia de Beaumont is moving to Clear Lake Highlands where her husband will go into business. We wish them success and good luck and hope Virginia has an opportunity to attend some of the meetings.

Sister Gladys Harvey is suffering from a sore throat.

Tessie O'Leary is still holding her own fine.

The next social meeting will be March 28th and don't forget to bring necessary articles to work with, according to the type of work you intend doing. Here is a list to go by: cloth shears, paper cutting shears, thimble, needle, pins, crochet hooks. Projects: canvas and carpet slippers, canvas, sew and cut, carpet to sew, patio pet to crochet, a No. G hook, baby jackets to crochet, your own hook. Convoy bags to cut, sew and fill with toilet articles. Quilt pieces to be cut and basted. Bring wool and cotton pieces. Clean and bring nail polish brushes to paste with.

I wish to thank Virginia de Beaumont for pinch hitting for me at the last meeting. Thanks again.

Due to initiation at our next social meeting, it will be formal.

Buy a bond, and watch for the union label.

MARCIA HELM,
Press Correspondent.

PAST PRESIDENTS' CLUB No. 97

On the evening of March 17th, the past presidents' club met at the home of Mary Logue.

Main order of business was the discussion of our mystery box which will be given away at the April social meeting of Auxiliary No. 97. Benefits derived from this affair will go into our philanthropy fund. As the past presidents' club takes care of all the philanthropy work of Auxiliary No. 97, we will appreciate the cooperation of the membership of the auxiliary in making this affair a success. Tickets are 10 cents each or three for 25 cents—all the past presidents have tickets. If anyone would like to help us sell these tickets, see Marie Dixon who has charge of the mystery box. Any contributions to the box will also be appreciated.

The April meeting of the club will be held at the home of Virginia Nicholas.

At the close of the meeting the hostess served very delicious refreshments. Those enjoying Sister Logue's hospitality were: Club President Evelyne Gerholdt, Anna Petitt, Marie Dixon, Ora Granter, Anna Hoover and Virginia Nicholas.

We are glad to hear that Tessie O'Leary and Fanny Copp are better, but very sorry to hear that Agnes Hines is very ill. Best wishes for rapid improvement, and to all who may be ill.

ALPHA E. FEDDERSEN,
Press Correspondent.

DUTCH WHIST C CLUB

The February meeting of the Dutch Whist C club was held at the home of Florence Shaffer. A most pleasant surprise was awaiting us when we arrived there. Tessie O'Leary was there looking like a million and were we glad to see her. Tess was not quite strong enough to play cards so Sybil Parich played for her.

As it was Valentine's day, Florence had the table cleverly decorated with large red hearts for place mats, Valentine baskets filled with candy and small hearts arranged so as to make a charming table. And to go with the table a delicious luncheon in keeping with Valentine spirit.

It being also Lois Girard's anniversary, she was presented with a gift from the club which materialized into a beautiful hassock.

At the card game which followed, Sybil Parich had the high score, Mary L. the second, and Virginia the low. So after a delightful afternoon, we thanked our hostess, went on our way to meet again in March at Lois Girard's.

The spirit of the Irish was in full force when the Dutch Whist C club arrived at the home of Lois Girard on March 17th. Our hostess presented us with green hats when we arrived and then took our pictures wearing them. We were all present, with Charlotte Brown as our guest to play for Tessie. Tessie is feeling so much better, she says.

At a table which was decorated tastefully to represent St. Patrick, our hostess served us with Dinty Moore's specialty, corned beef and, supplemented with potato salad. 'Twas no dainty feed but it was sure enjoyed. Mary L. was presented with an anniversary gift from the club, which is to be more silver to go with her set.

Then our card game which was just as snappy as ever. Mary G. had the high score, Olive H. the second, and Eva Hare the low.

Another happy day to keep in our memory book until we meet again, this time at Mary G's.

OLIVE HARVEY,
Reporting for Tessie O'Leary.

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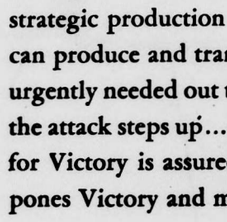
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